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## **Idaho Onion Acreage Intentions**

Onion acreage planted in Idaho is expected to be 9,900 acres, a 2 percent increase from the 2005 acreage, but down 10 percent from 2004, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Producers in Malheur County, Oregon are expected to plant 11,800 acres, up 4 percent from last year. Onion plantings in other Oregon counties are expected to total 7,900 acres, 3 percent above 2005. Total non-storage and storage acreage in Washington is estimated to be 20,400 acres, down 2 percent from last year.

Nationally, growers intend to plant 171,100 acres of onions in 2006, a 1 percent increase from 2005. Spring onion producers planted 40,200 acres, up 1 percent from last year and 1 percent above 2004. Summer, non-storage acreage is expected to total 20,500 acres, up slightly from 2005, but 14 percent below 2004. Summer storage onion producers intend to plant 110,400 acres this year, up 1 percent from 2005, but 5 percent below 2004 acreage.

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